transport associations from time to time, usually in general terms without specific details.

(b) to (c) Levy/collection of road tax on motor vehicles falls under the purview of the State Government. The State Government does not deposit any part of the road tax with the Union Government.

Grading of Maritime Training Institutes in the country

1815. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to meet the international benchmarks in quality, Government propose to make grading of Maritime Training Institutes in the country mandatory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of recognized private Maritime Training Institutes in the country;

(d) the details of fake Maritime Training Institutes in the country; and

(e) the action taken by Government to spread the general awareness among general public about these fake Maritime Training Institutes?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As on date, there are 101 private maritime training institutes imparting Pre-sea/Post-sea training in the country recognized by the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai.

(d) There are no fake maritime training institutes recognized by the Directorate General of Shipping. However, as and when any information/ complaint from public about fake maritime training institutes is received, appropriate action is taken in consultation with the concerned State Governments.

(e) To spread the general awareness among the public, the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai displays in its website, the list of approved maritime training institutes together with the courses conducted by these institutes. The Directorate General of Shipping also displays in the website,

list of suspended institutes and list of institutes for whom approval is withdrawn/cancelled.

Damage of National Highways in short period

1816. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many highways constructed by Government have been damaged in a very short period;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore and the details of such highways, State-wise and National Highway-wise;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No, Sir. However, some cases of damages in a short period to the National Highways were reported in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Rajasthan.

(b) to (e) The State-wise and National Highway-wise details for the above mentioned States is given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise details of Damage of National Highways in Short Period.

Sl. No.	State	NH No.	Stretch Damaged	Reasons for Early Damages	Remarks/ Action taken
1.	Chhattisgarh	78	Km. 503 to 513	Stretches passing through submergence area and due to overloading of trucks	Inquiry has been entrusted to local Engineering college. Defects have been completely repaired by the contractor at his own cost.